

In re: Michael Mallary
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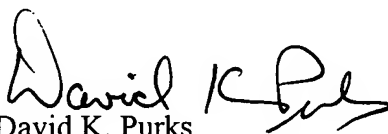
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Invention II, corresponding to Claims 22-43 drawn to methods of building a disk stack for inclusion in a magnetic disk drive. Applicant has canceled Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-21 drawn to an apparatus for building a disk stack. This cancellation is being done without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for these and/or other claims.

Applicant is not traversing the Restriction Requirement as to Inventions I and II, because Applicant agrees that, a determination of the unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply the unpatentability of Invention II.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable examination and allowance of Claims 22-43.

Respectfully submitted,

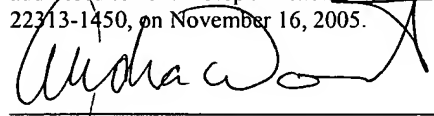


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